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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-91806, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 4 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (2) ISO/IEC 9293, "Information Technology – Volume and file structure of disk cartridge for information," (1994). Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 1 and 4 of the specification of the above-captioned

application. Further, Applicants note that reproduction of this article is prohibited by non-disclosure Agreement, and thus, a copy of this document is not provided herewith.

- (3) Optical Storage Technology Association, "Universal Disk Format Specification Revision 1.50)," (1997). Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 1 and 4 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-325135, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-17908, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-139138, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-153250, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (8) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0216684 to SO et al, which was published on September 29, 2005.
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0231765 to SO et al, which was published on October 20, 2005.
- (10) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006-0050622 to SO et al, which was published on March 9, 2006.
- (11) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/546,453 to INOUE et al, which was filed on February 19, 2004.

- (12) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,373 to SO et al., which was filed on May 5, 2006.
- (13) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,372 to MAEDA et al., which was filed on May 5, 2006.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to PCT/JP2004/016029. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (14) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-181784, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (15) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-283230, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (16) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-39210, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (17) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-307749, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (18) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-52691, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (19) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-263386, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,724,544 to NISHI, which issued on March 3, 1998.
- (20) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-285000, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

- (21) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 03/088044, and patent family members Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-308240, together with an English language Abstract of the same; European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 498 817; and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0080985 to SASAKI et al., which was published on April 14, 2005.
- (22) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-163139, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent, patent application publications and patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents, with the exceptions of document (2) and the U.S. patent, patent application publications and patent applications, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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